

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

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Michigan Senate Committee

I emailing you to advocate my support for Senate Bill 584-585.

As a father of 4 children who are and will be going to Michigan public schools I would like to know that there are trained armed people in the building that can defend others in the school building if there were a dangerous person in the school with intent to harm my children. It would be a horrible injustice if state law prevented innocent people from defending themselves and children. It would be a horrible injustice if a shooter could go into a school knowing he would have no resistance thus emboldening the attack. Criminals coming into a school building with intent to harm do not care about following gun free zone rules. Gun free zone rules tell would be violent people that they have an easy target.

I am also emailing you in support of Senate Bill 586

The main role of government is to protect citizen's right to life and property. The right to life necessarily comes with the right to self-defense. Firearms can fill that role and we should not limit by law how innocent people choose to defend themselves due to the behavior of a small percentage of people.

"Since the overwhelming majority of shooting deaths are by people with prior felony arrests, and only about 1 percent of such shootings are by legal gun owners who are committing a crime, why is the primary focus on the law abiding individual? Why should those who use guns rationally be sacrificed for the sake of those who will use them irrationally? We don't ban cars simply because some people drive recklessly. We don't ban alcohol simply because some people will get drunk and attack their neighbors. The same should apply to guns. The individual has volition and he has inalienable rights. The freedom to possess a gun to defend himself follows logically from those two premises"-Peter Schwartz

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